


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 02/21/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Justice Assistance Grant Program

County staff has been working with the Sheriff's Office to secure grant funding under the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) offered by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance. This program replaces the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). The Sheriff's Office has received the LLEBG grant for six consecutive fiscal years and has used the funds to purchase various pieces of equipment to enhance law enforcement efforts within the County. The Sheriff's Office received the first JAG grant in fiscal year 2005.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$10,427 for the purchase of Police Tasers and associated accessories. The table below shows a breakdown of the proposed purchases. Tasers are the latest advance in the quest for a safe and effective arrest technology. They have grown in popularity with law enforcement agencies across North America and throughout many parts of the world. Tasers provide police officers with a safe and effective tool for controlling dangerous behavior and overcoming resistance, and using them has resulted in a considerable reduction of arrest-related injuries to both officers and subjects. The County currently has one Taser that is used for training purposes for the County's Emergency Response Team. The Tasers purchased with the JAG funds will be used to train and equip County law enforcement personnel.

The guidelines for the JAG program require the County to hold a public hearing to obtain the public's opinion on the proposed use of the funds prior to submitting the application. The required public hearing has been scheduled for February 21, 2006. The application does not require Board action and, therefore, no resolution is attached for the Board's consideration.

Description	Estimated cost
11 Tasers and holsters	\$8,965
4 Digital Power Magazines	\$130
40 Cartridges	\$793
20 Training Cartridges	\$380
Taser Software program	\$159
Total	\$10,427